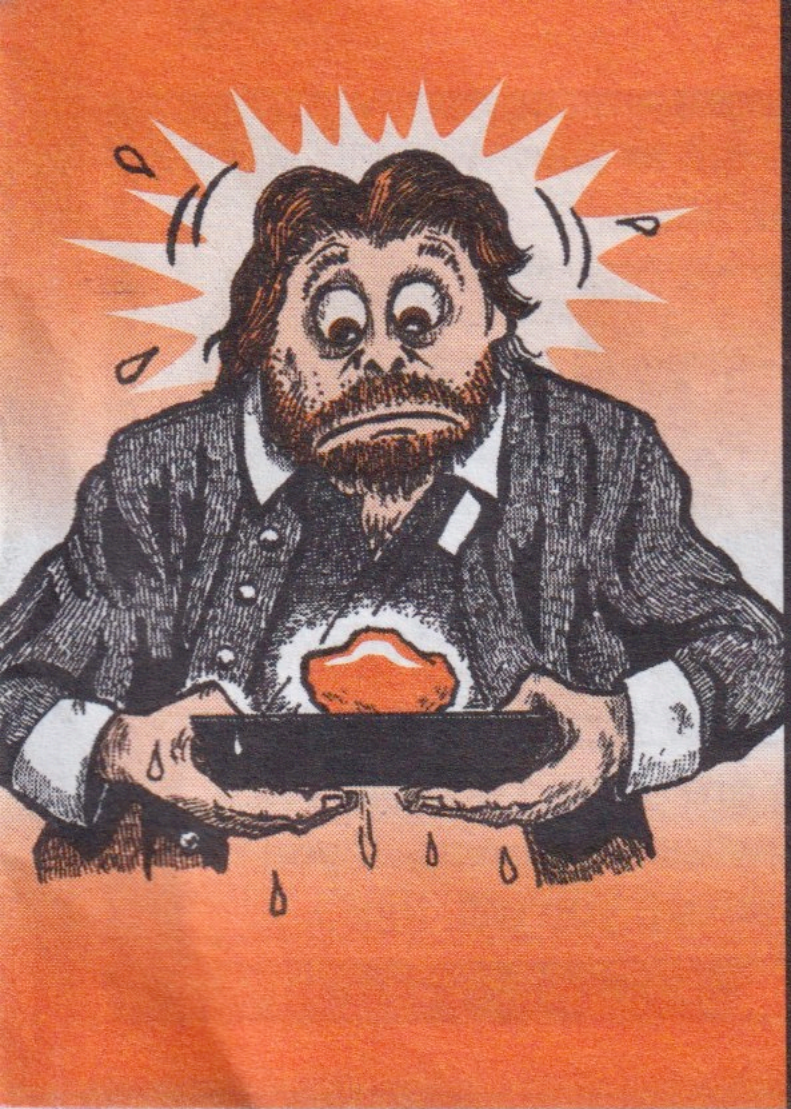

GOLD FEVER

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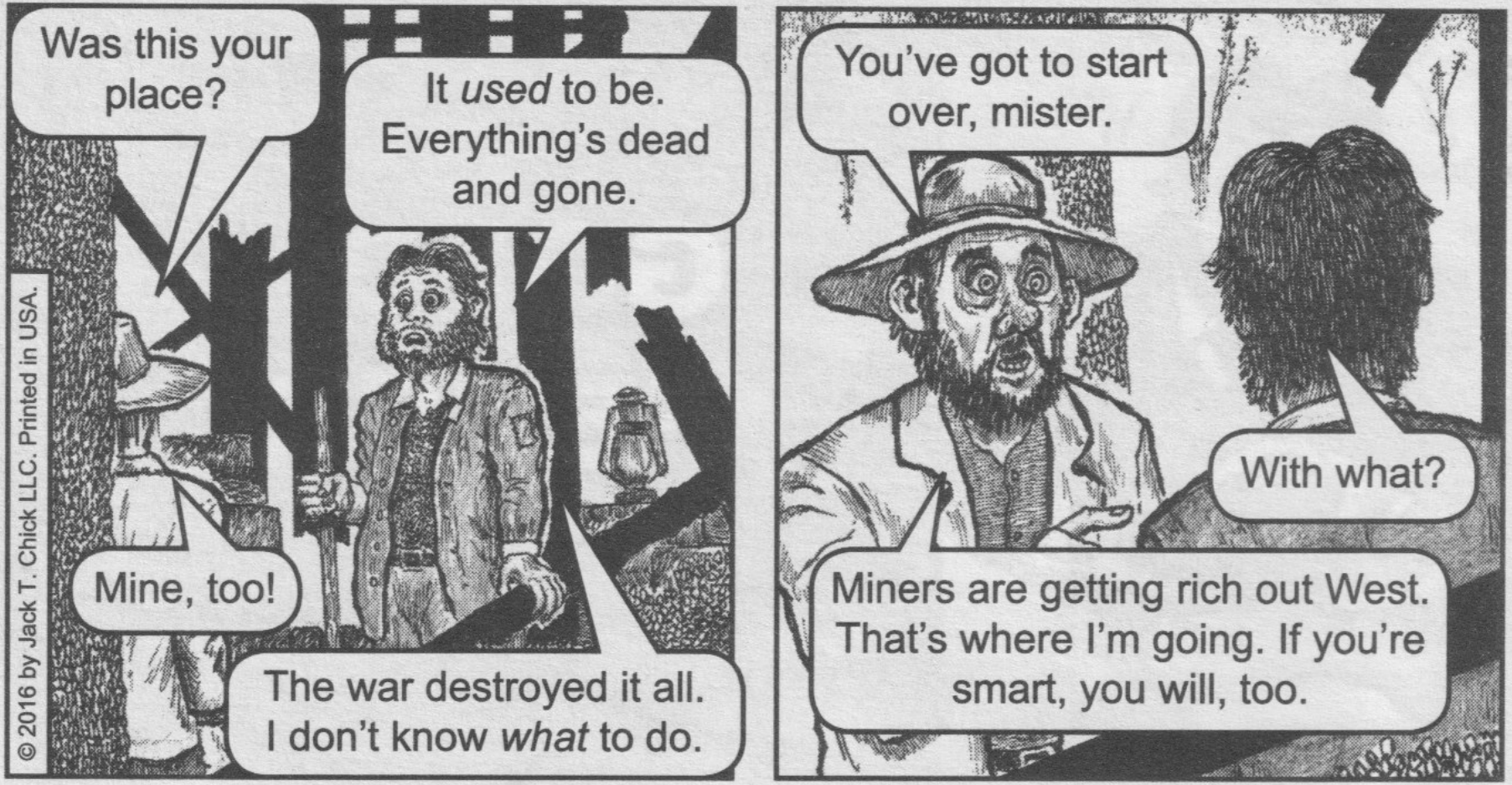
Was this your place?
It *used* to be. Everything's dead and gone.
Mine, too!
The war destroyed it all. I don't know *what* to do.
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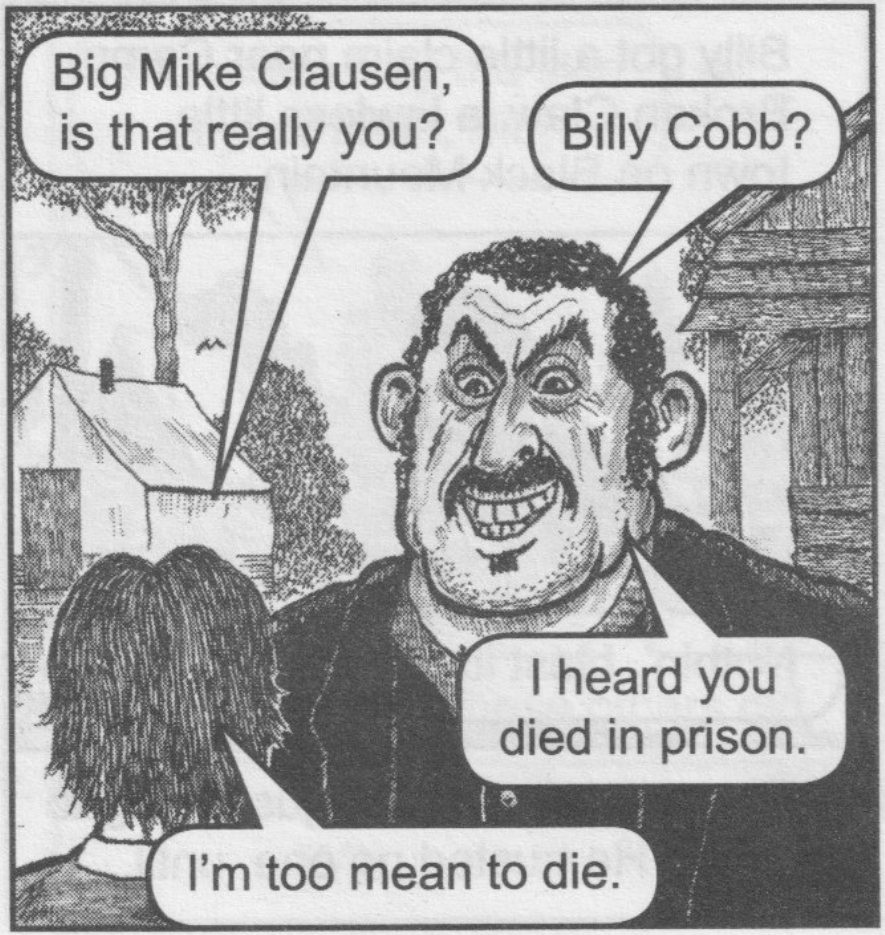
You've got to start over, mister.
With what?
Miners are getting rich out West. That's where I'm going. If you're smart, you will, too.

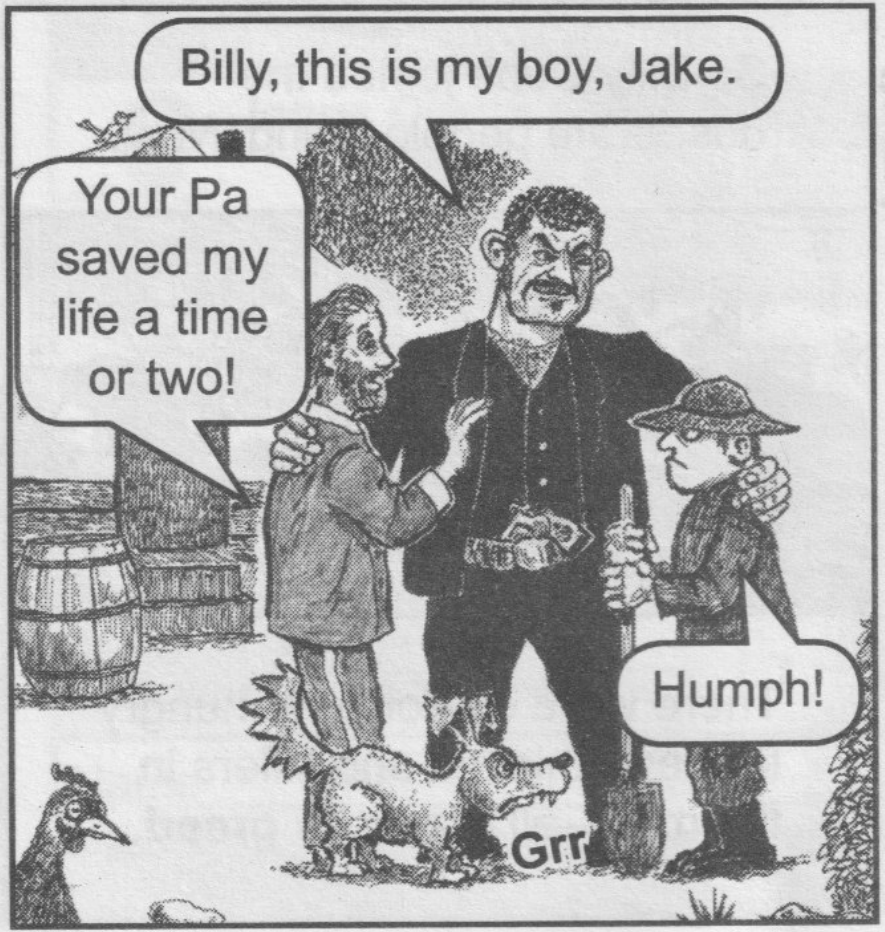
So Billy Cobb joined the desperate people going West.

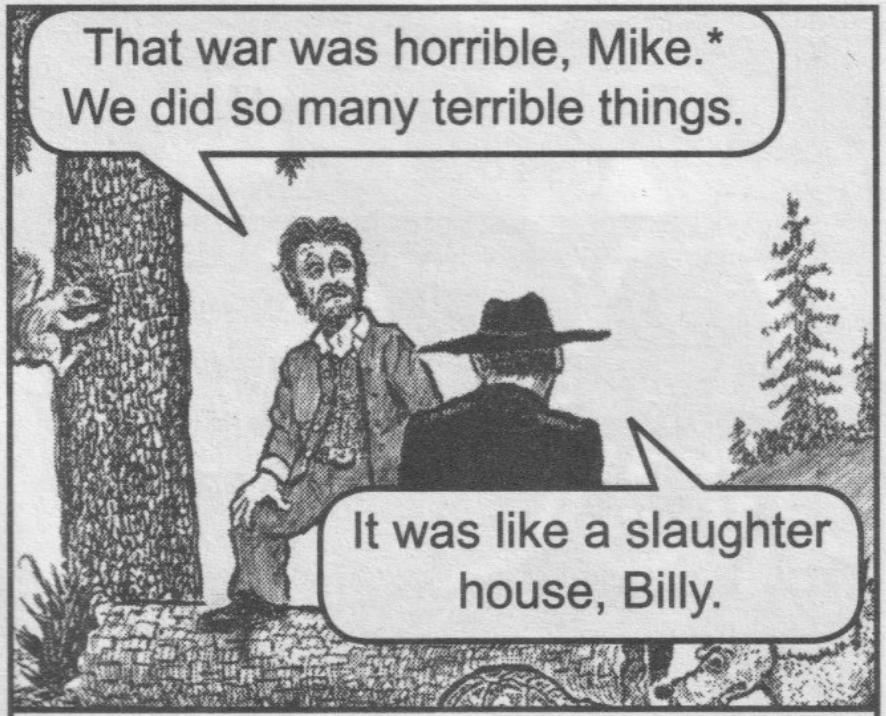
There were ex-soldiers, hungry farmers, thieves and killers in the mix—all drawn by **greed**.

Billy got a little claim near Camp Broken Claw, a lawless little town on Black Mountain.

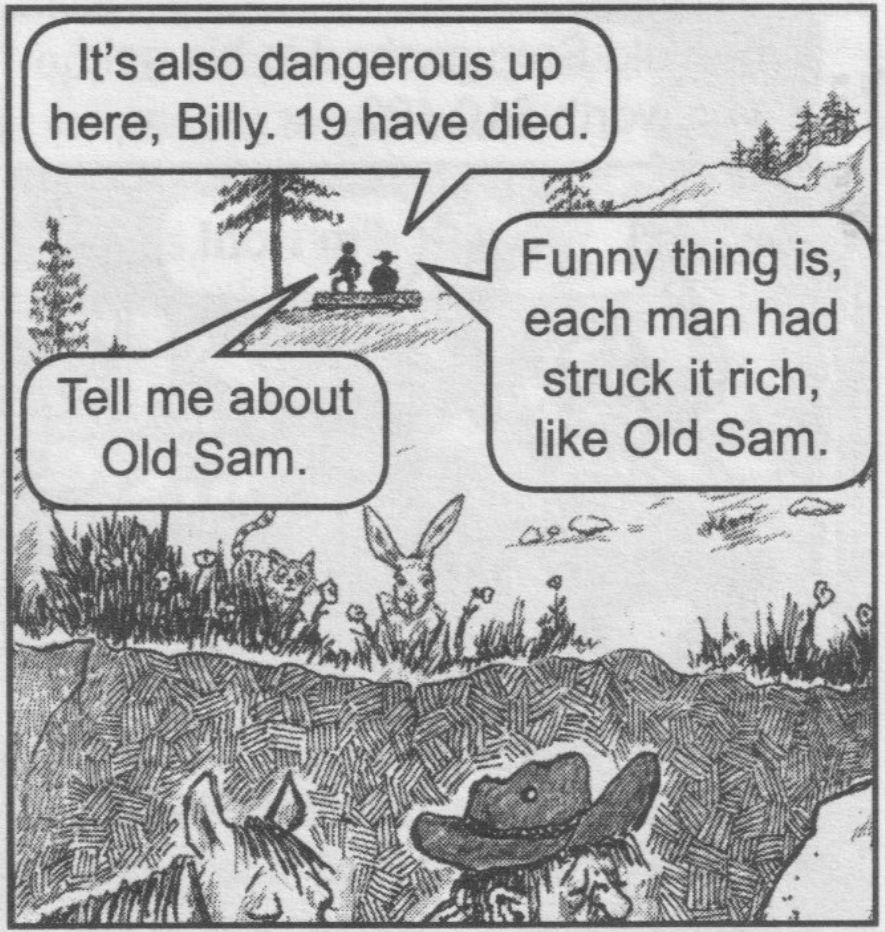
Billy worked like a dog, just trying to survive. He trusted no one, until...

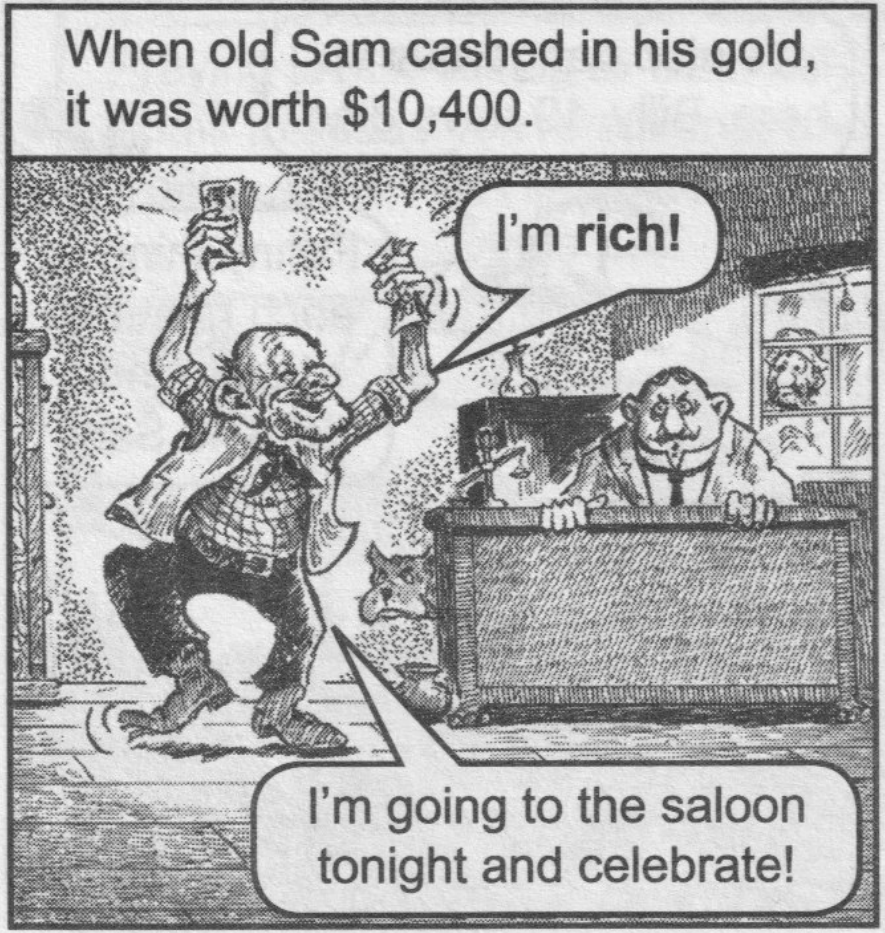

Big Mike Clausen, is that really you?
Billy Cobb?
I heard you died in prison.
I'm too mean to die.

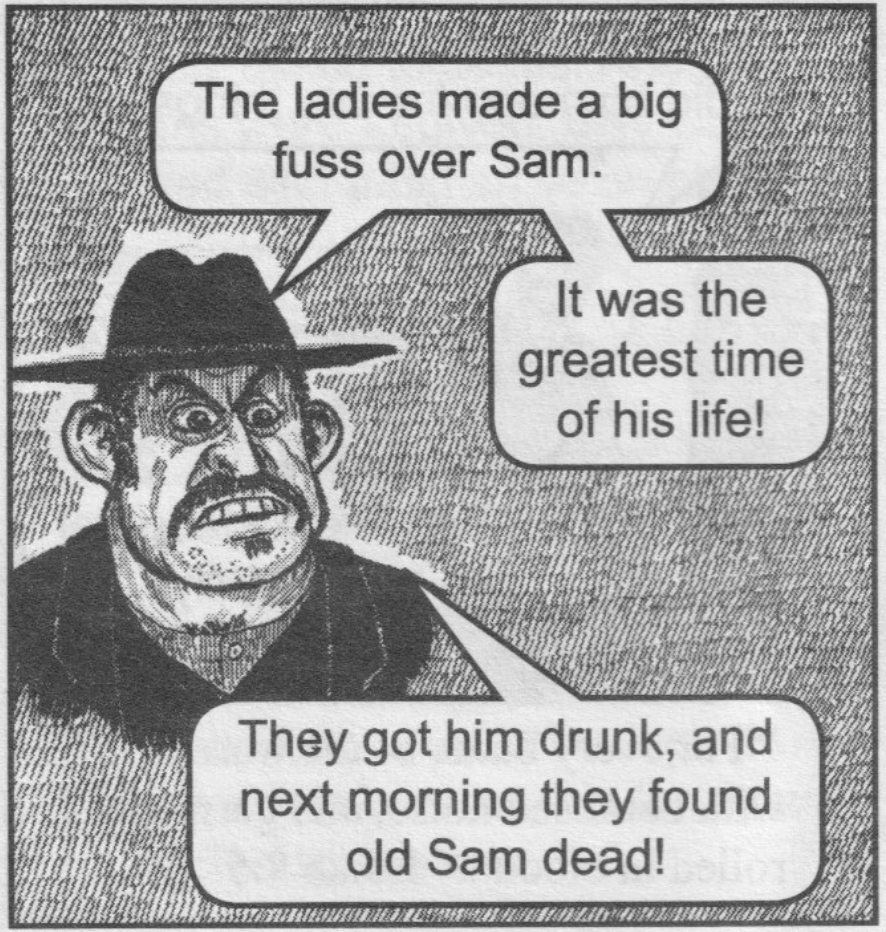

Billy, this is my boy, Jake.
Your Pa saved my life a time or two!
Humph!
Grr

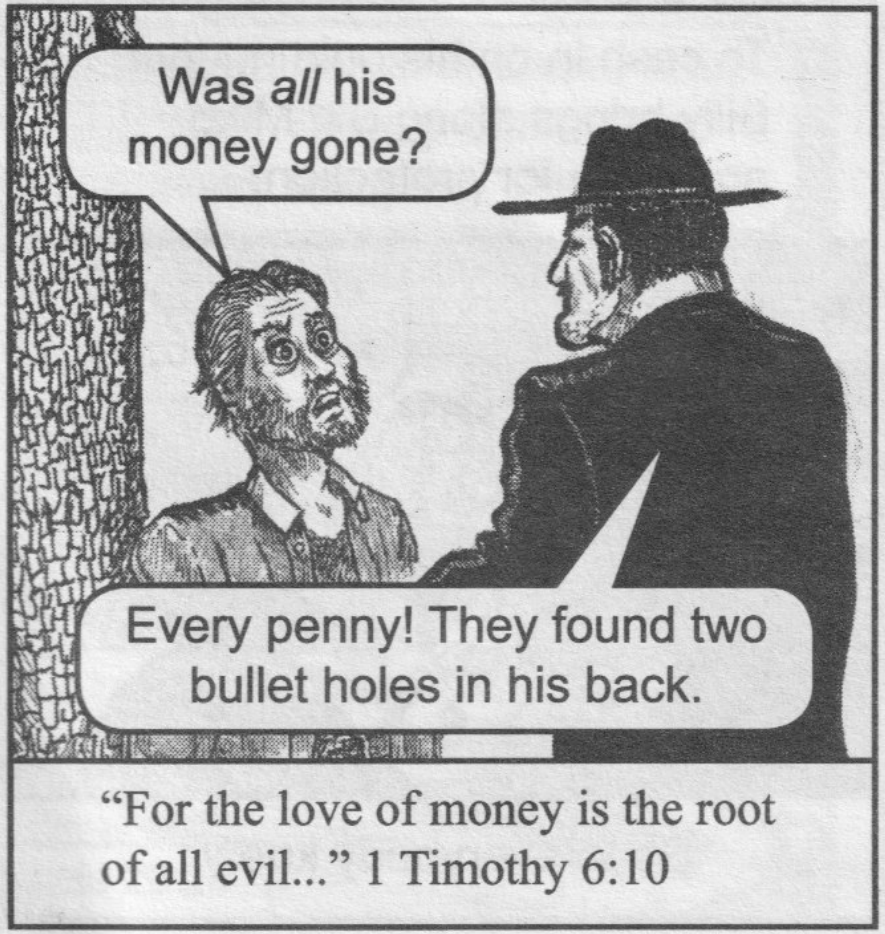


*"For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood..." Isaiah 9:5

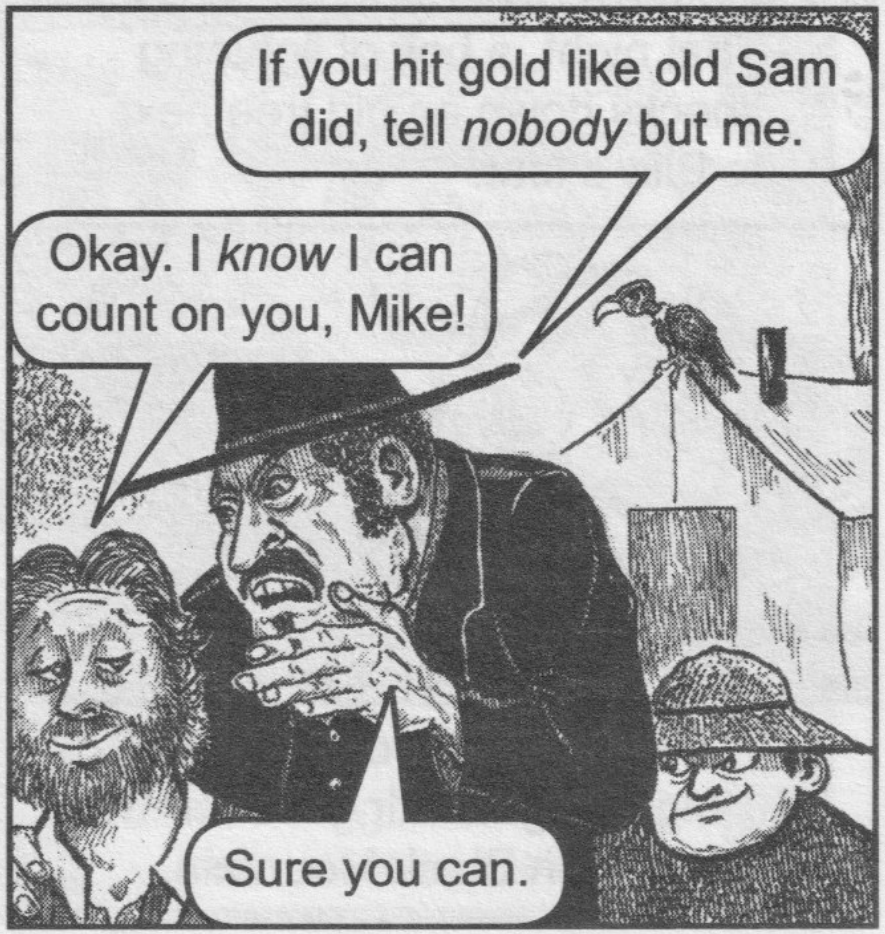



When old Sam cashed in his gold, it was worth $10,400.
I'm **rich!**
I'm going to the saloon tonight and celebrate!

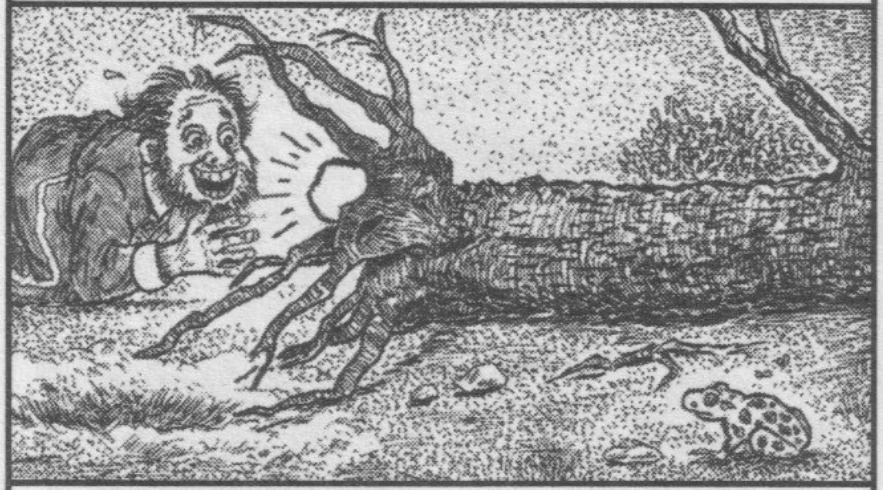

The ladies made a big fuss over Sam.
It was the greatest time of his life!
They got him drunk, and next morning they found old Sam dead!



"For the love of money is the root of all evil..." 1 Timothy 6:10

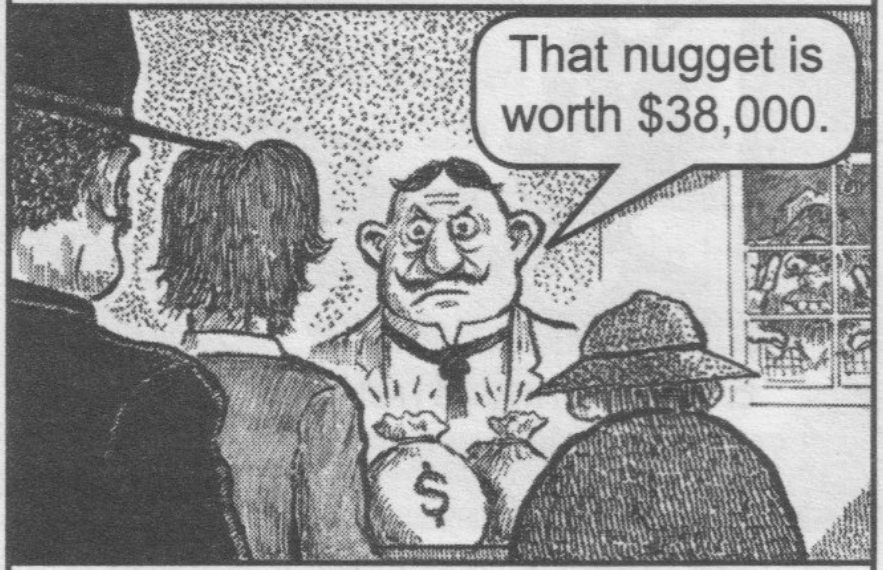


That night, a bolt of lightning knocks down an old tree next to Billy's tent.

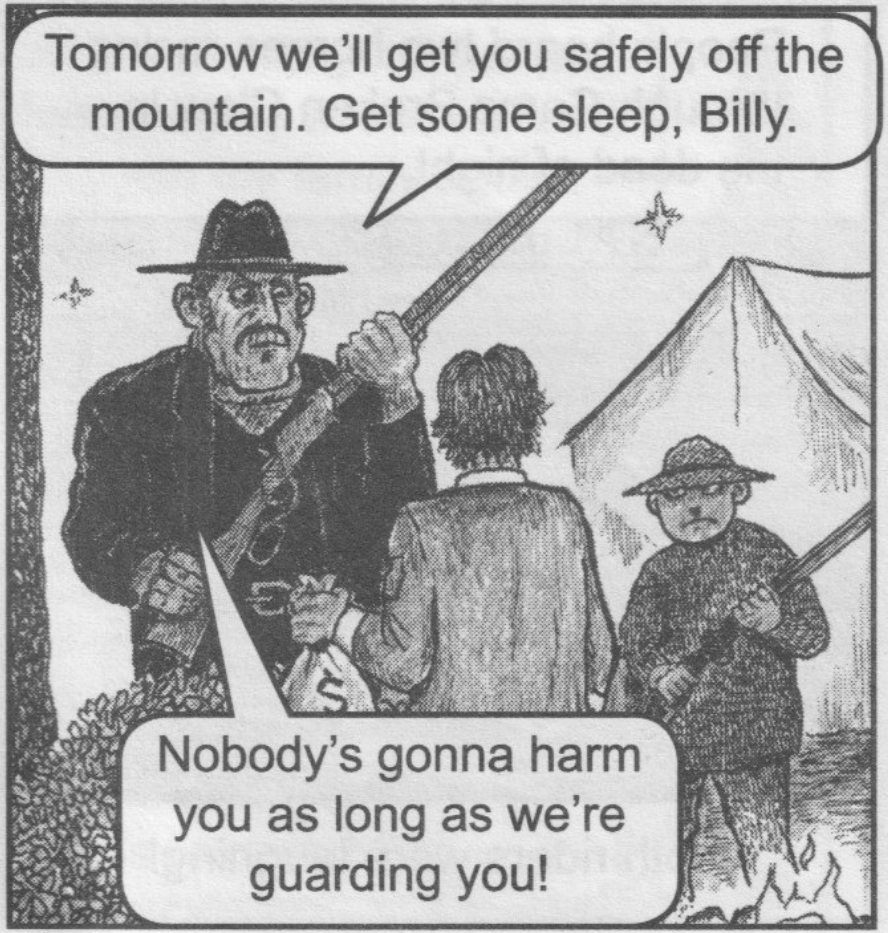


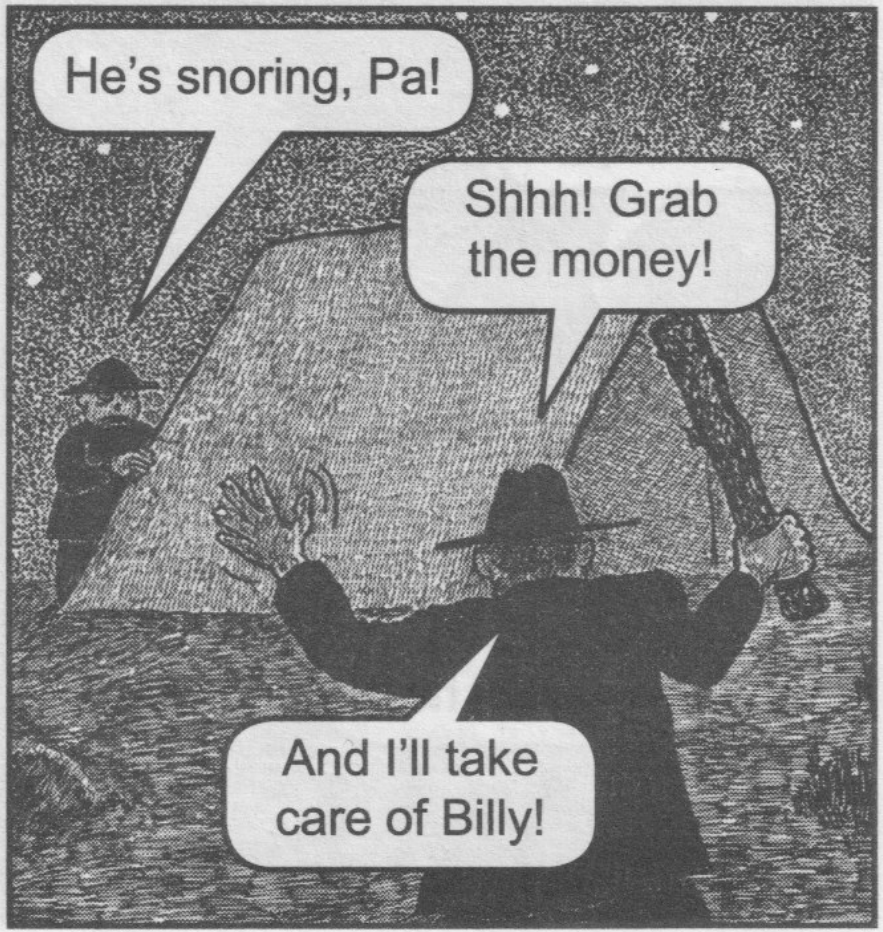
Trapped in its roots is the biggest gold nugget ever found on Black Mountain.

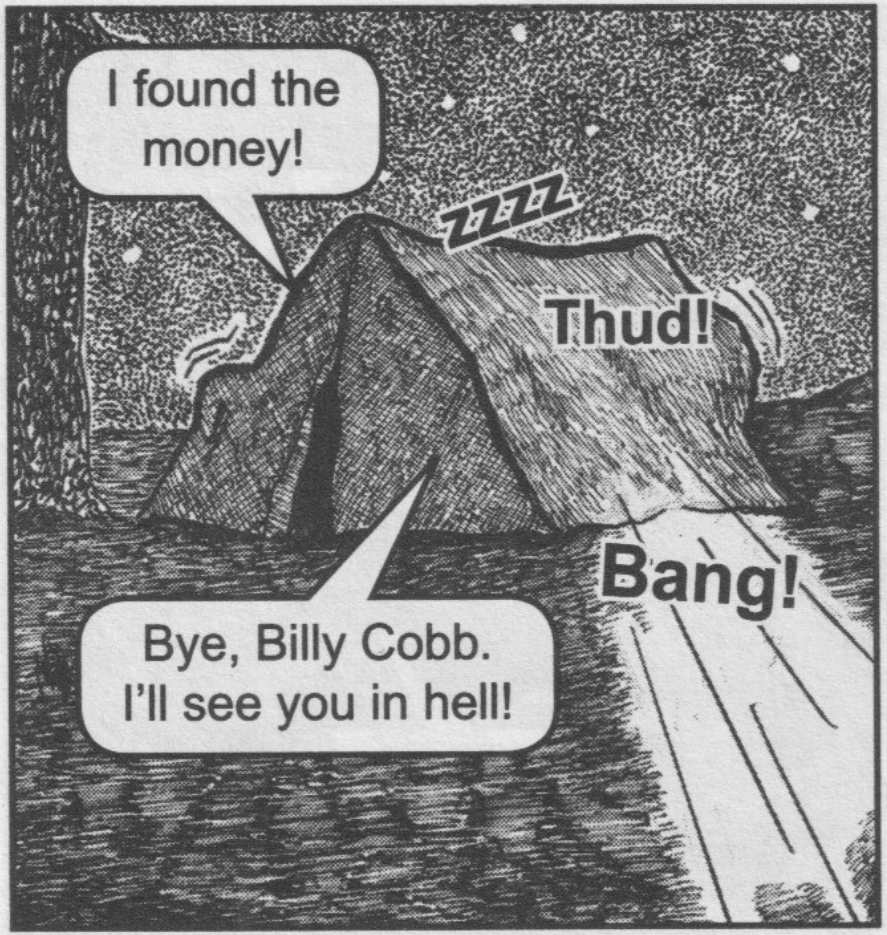
To cash in on his gold nugget, Billy brings along Big Mike and Jake for protection.



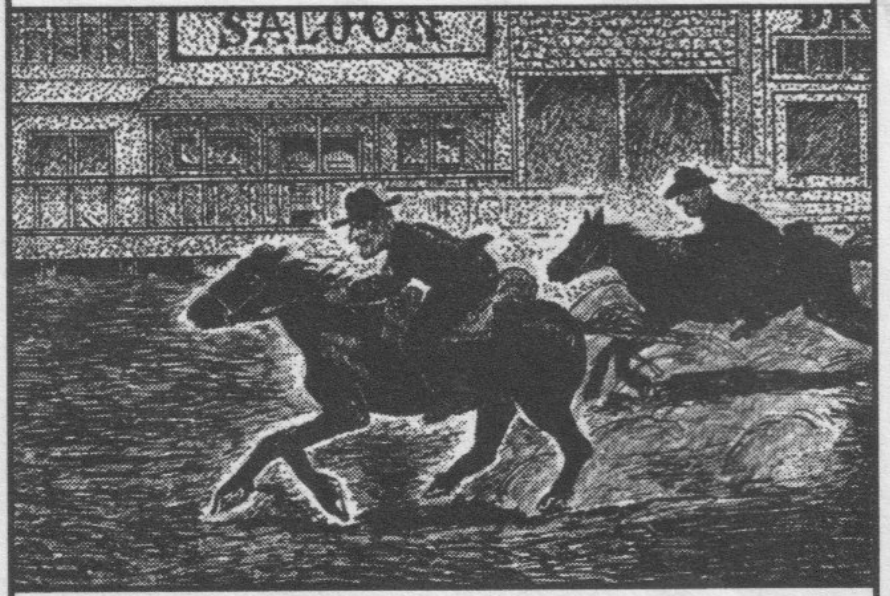
Soon everybody knew.


Tomorrow we'll get you safely off the mountain. Get some sleep, Billy.
Nobody's gonna harm you as long as we're guarding you!

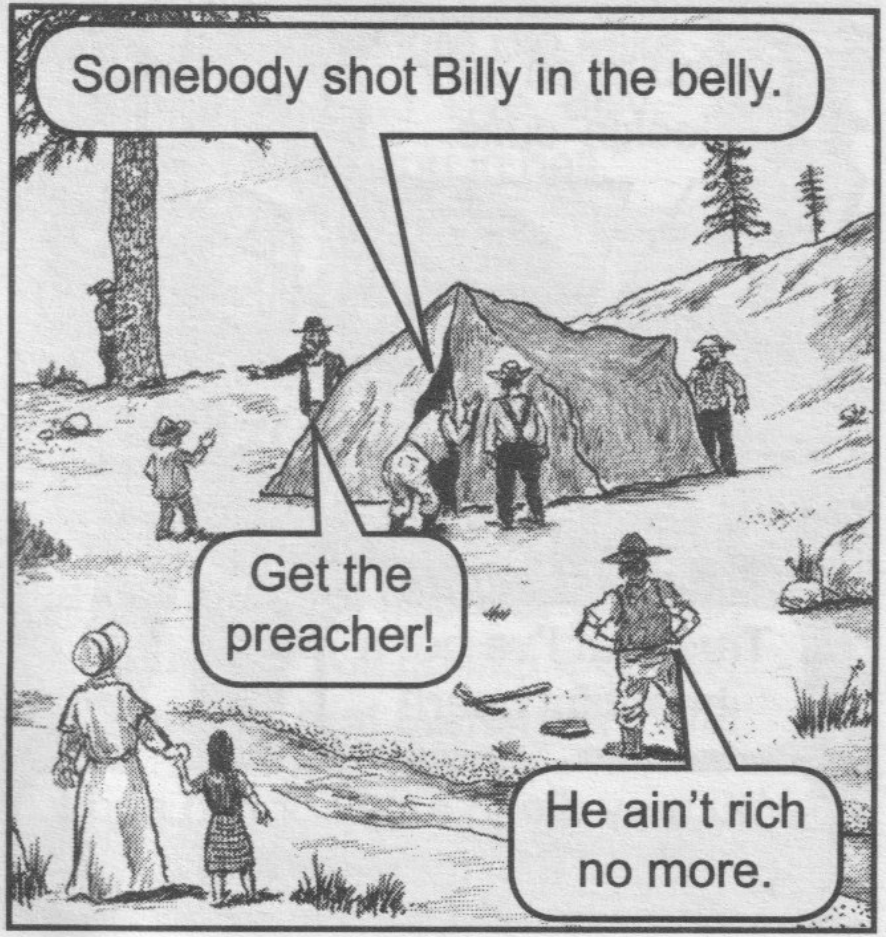

He's snoring, Pa!
Shhh! Grab the money!
And I'll take care of Billy!

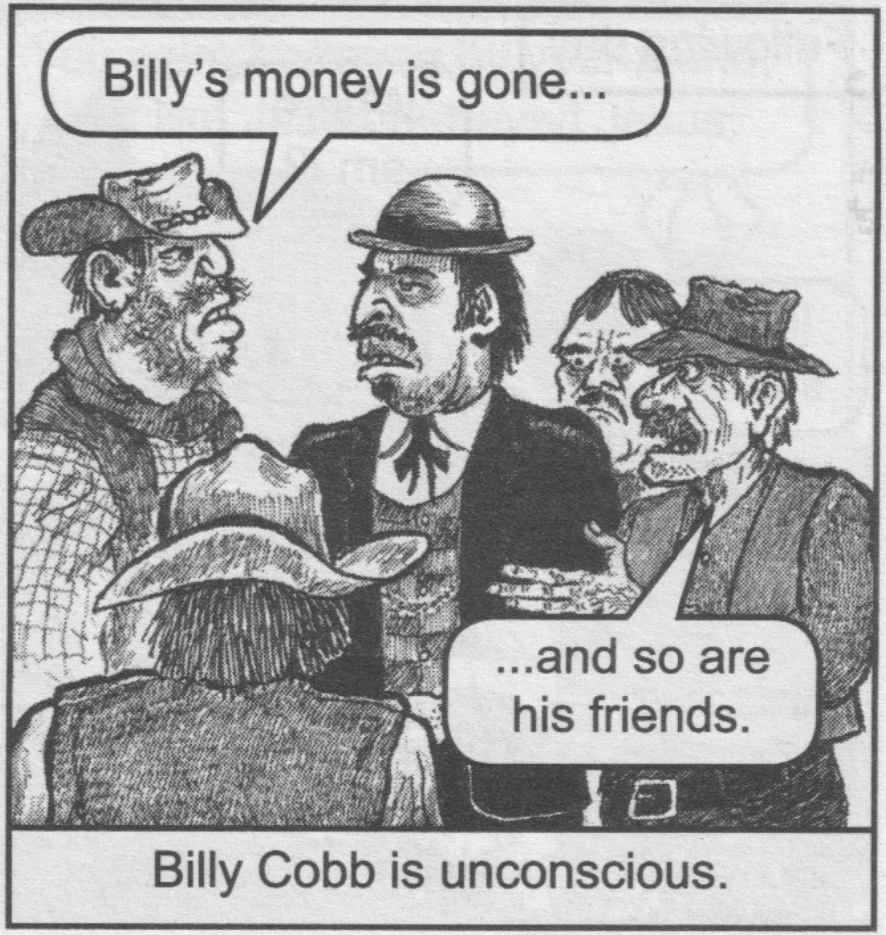


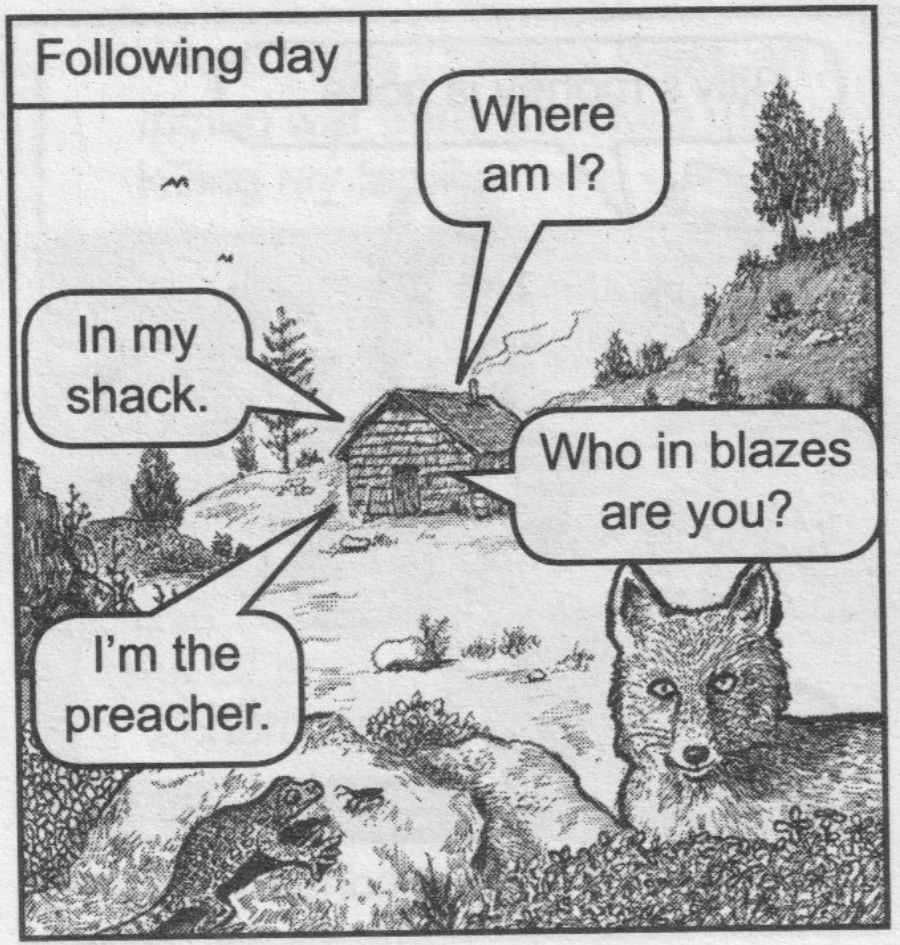
People heard two horses racing through Camp Broken Claw in the dead of night.

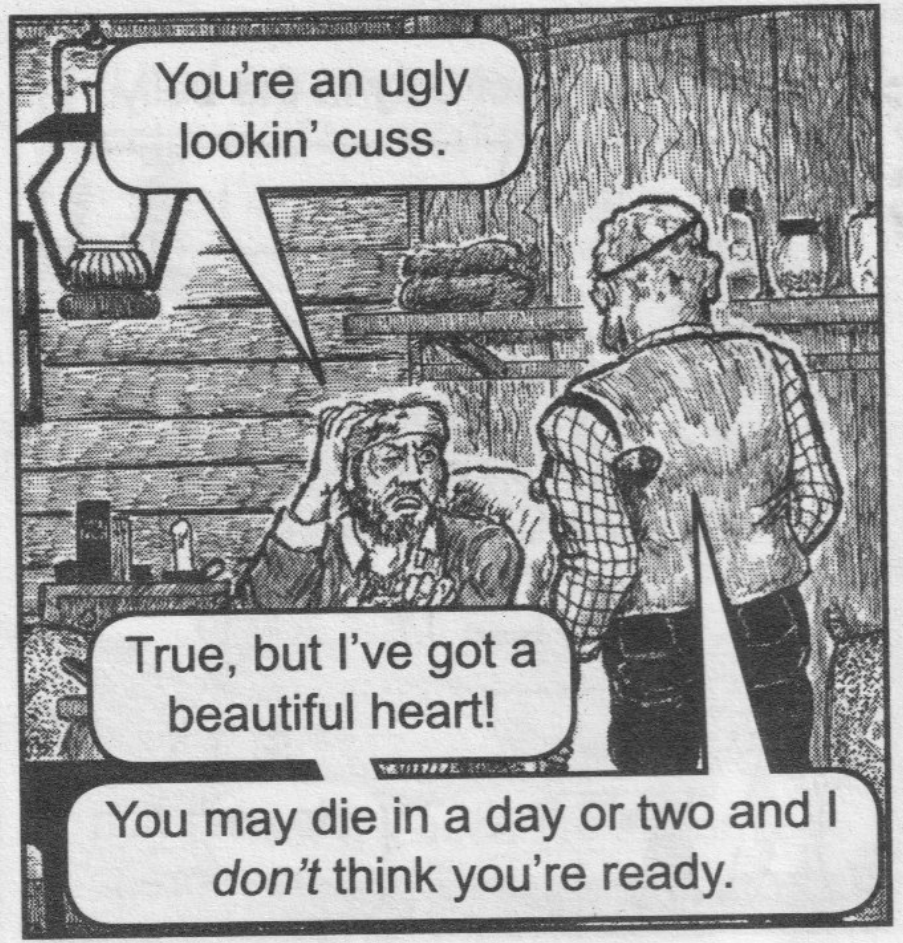


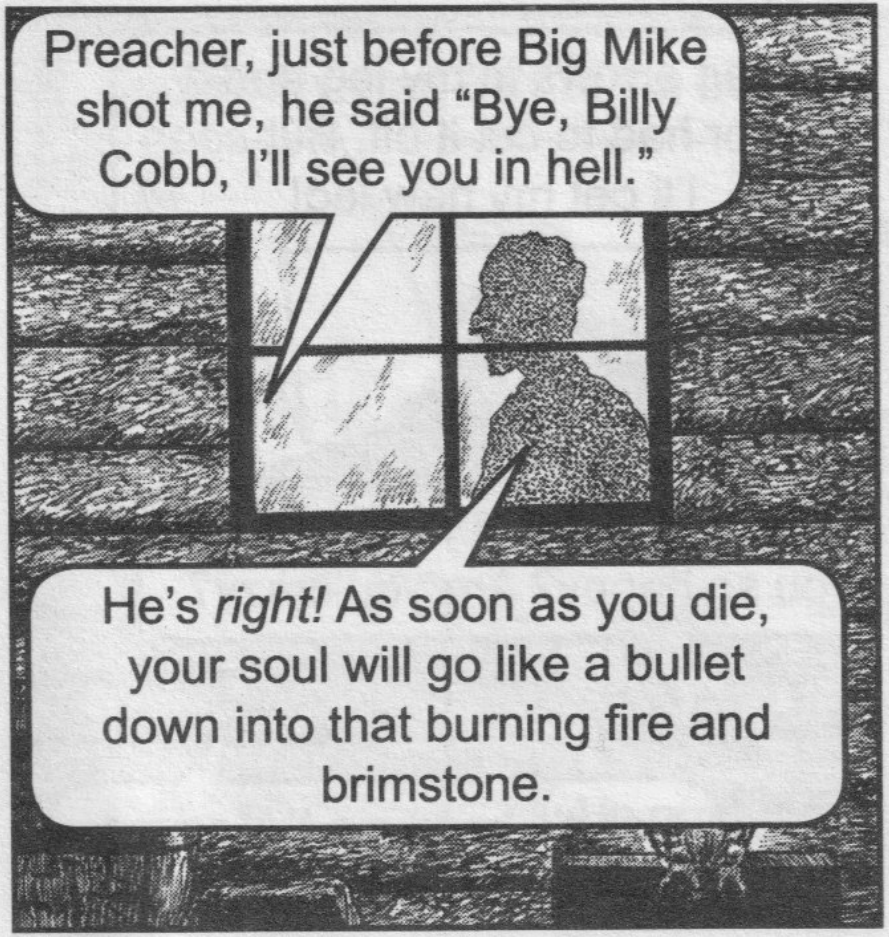
Both riders were laughing!

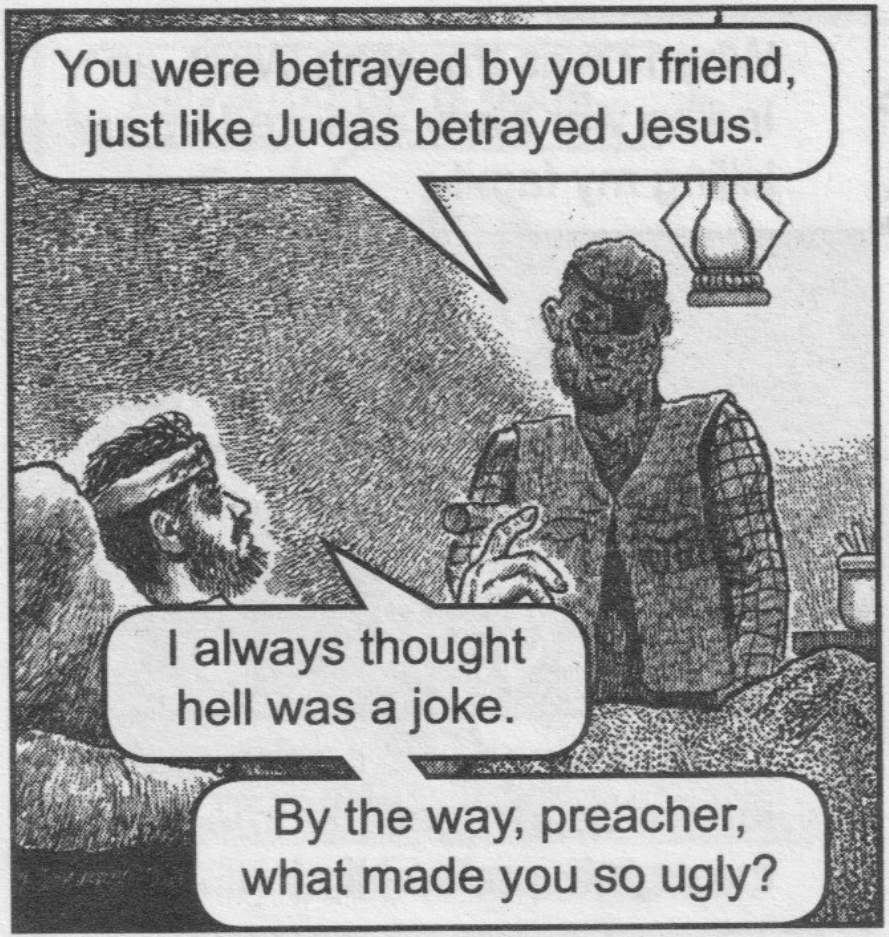

Somebody shot Billy in the belly.
Get the preacher!
He ain't rich no more.


Billy's money is gone...
...and so are his friends.
Billy Cobb is unconscious.


Following day
Where am I?
In my shack.
Who in blazes are you?
I'm the preacher.


You're an ugly lookin' cuss.
True, but I've got a beautiful heart!
You may die in a day or two and I *don't* think you're ready.


Preacher, just before Big Mike shot me, he said "Bye, Billy Cobb, I'll see you in hell."
He's *right!* As soon as you die, your soul will go like a bullet down into that burning fire and brimstone.


You were betrayed by your friend, just like Judas betrayed Jesus.
I always thought hell was a joke.
By the way, preacher, what made you so ugly?

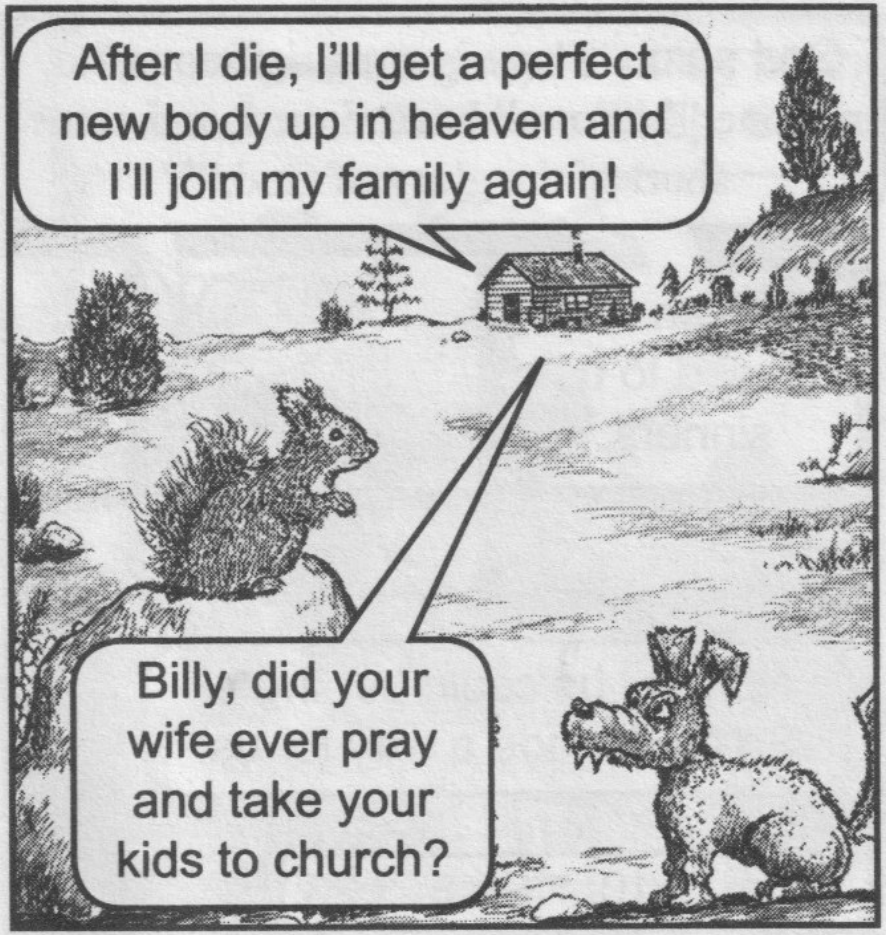
When I was traveling West, an Indian war party attacked us, killing my family.

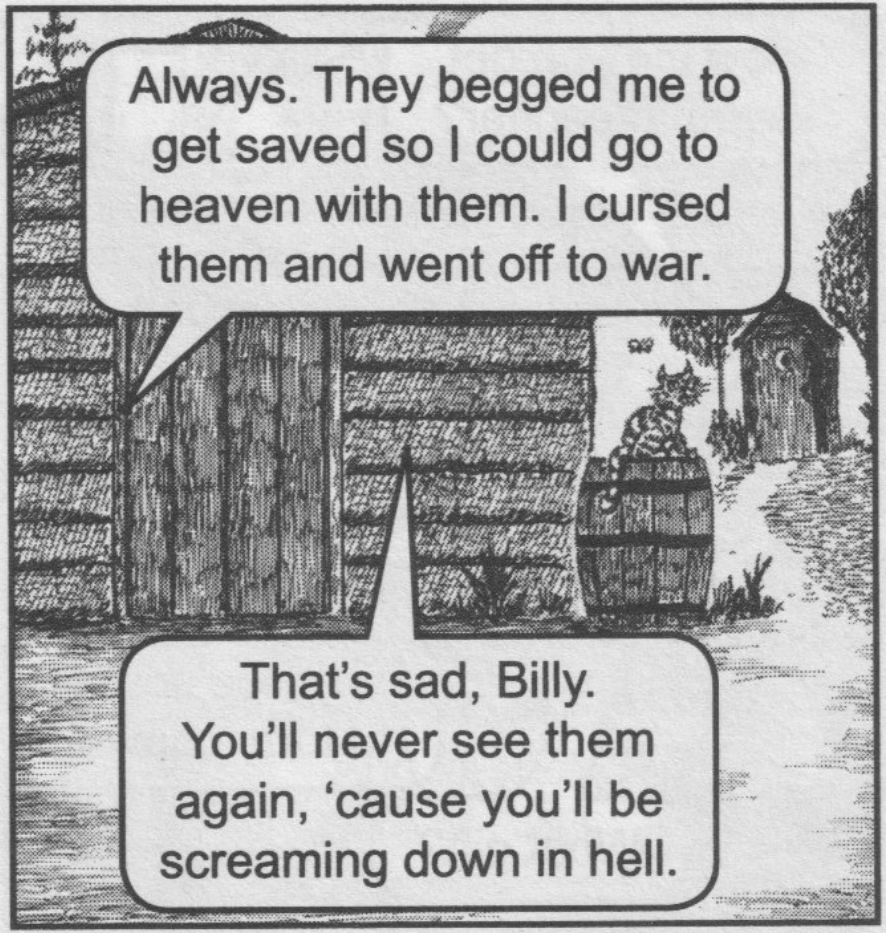
I was scalped, set on fire and left for dead. Jesus let me live through it, praise Him!

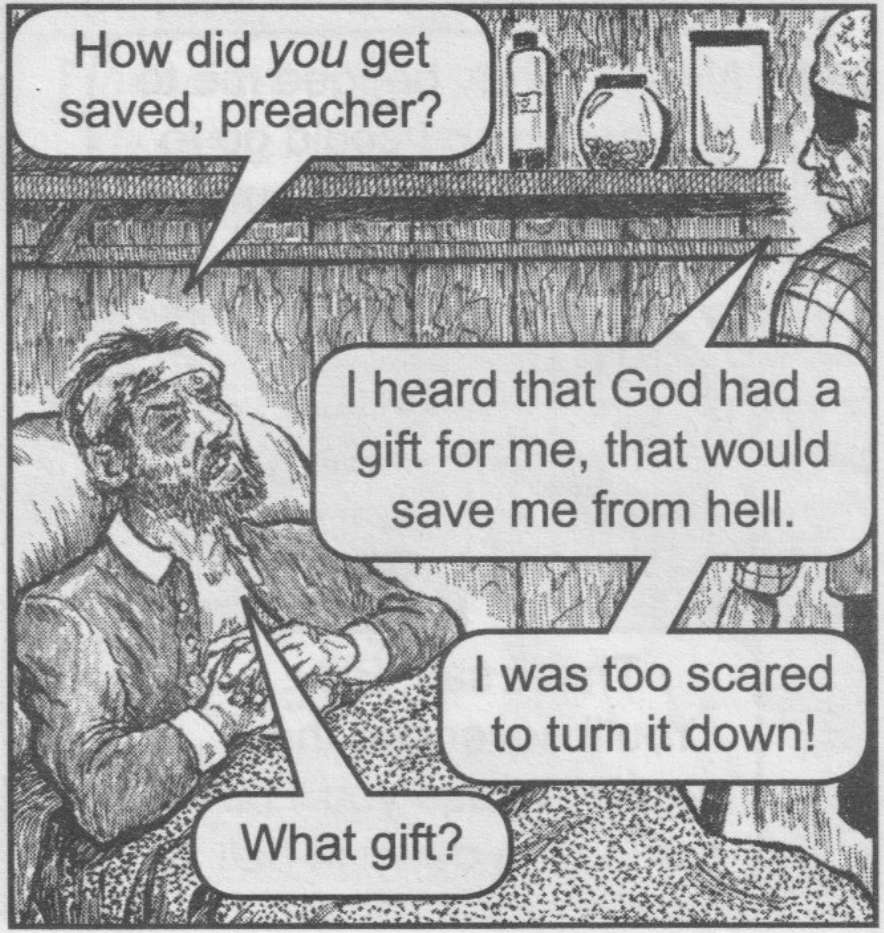
I had arrows in my leg and a doctor had to cut it off. But *soon* I'll get my new leg!

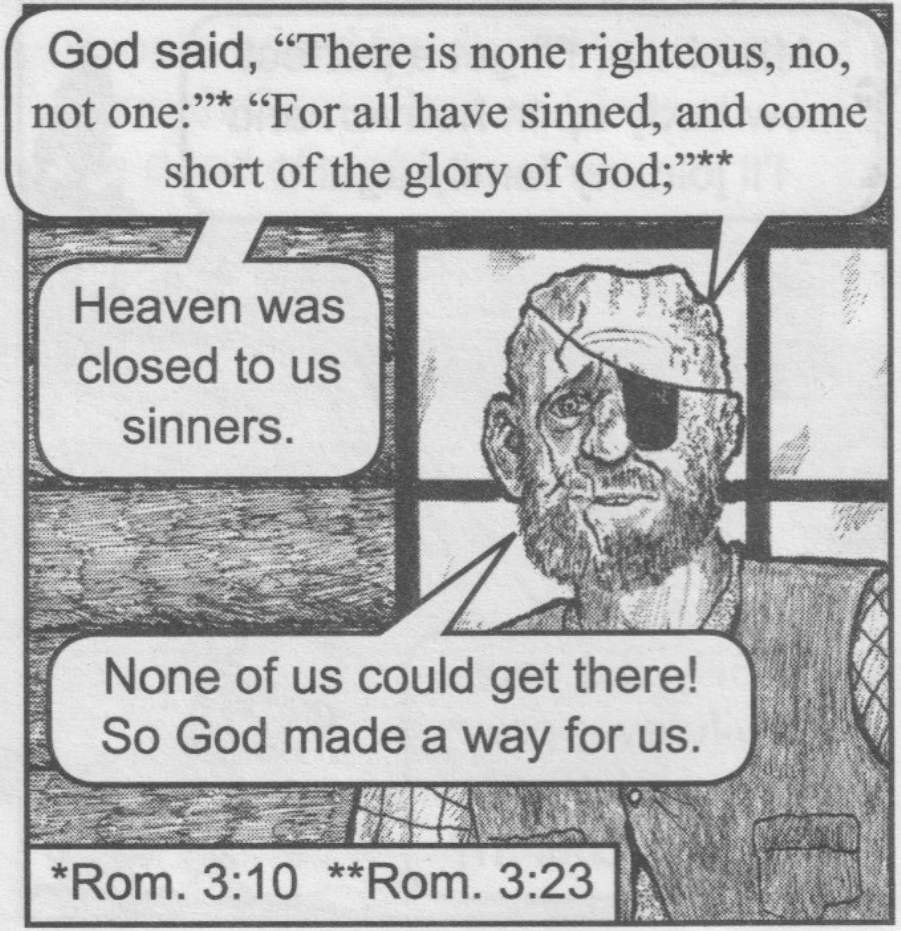
I don't understand you! Why are you so happy? Are you crazy?

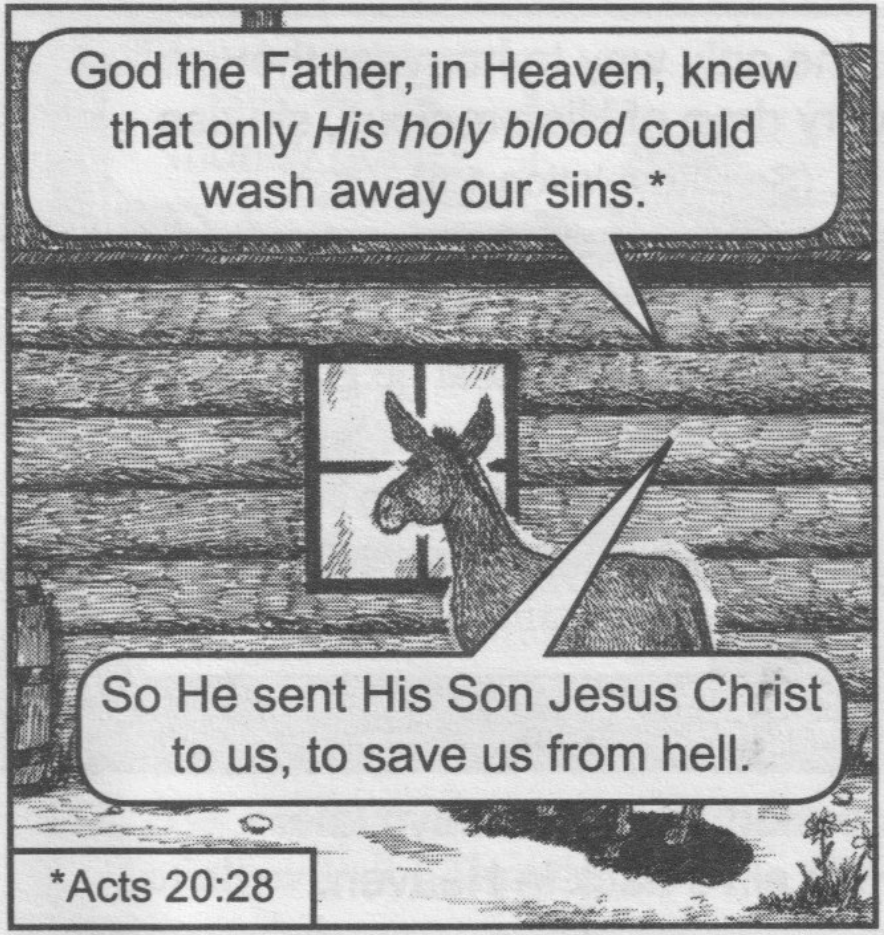
No! It's because I'm saved.

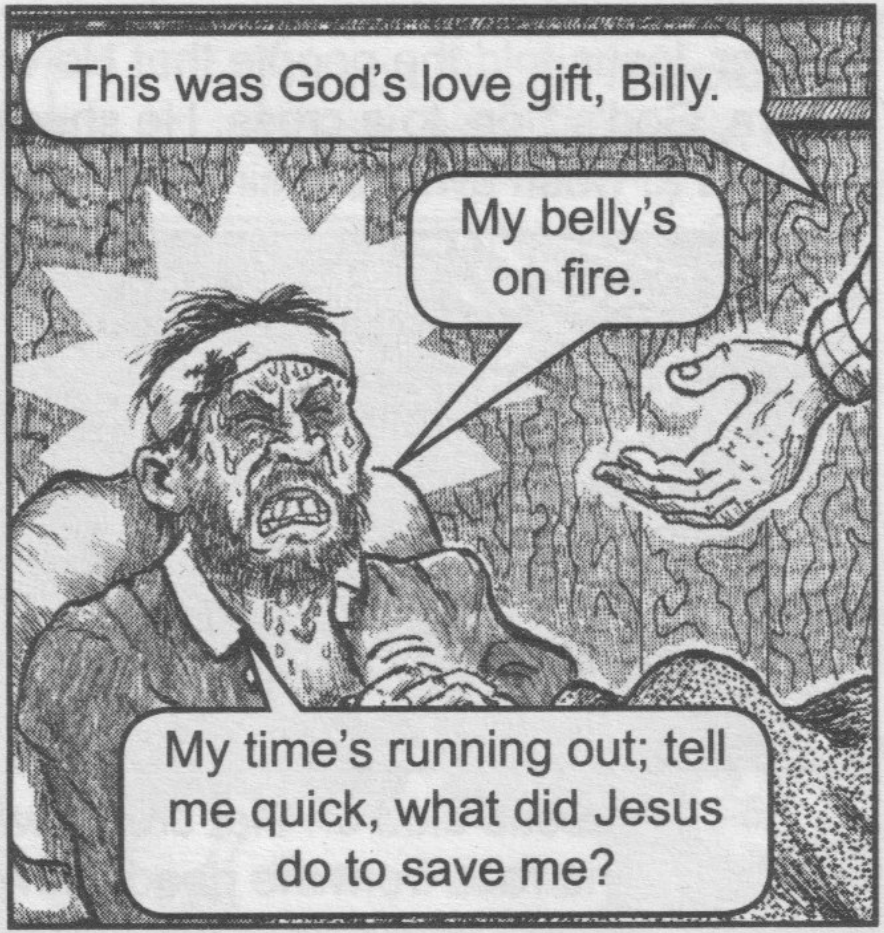

After I die, I'll get a perfect new body up in heaven and I'll join my family again!
Billy, did your wife ever pray and take your kids to church?


Always. They begged me to get saved so I could go to heaven with them. I cursed them and went off to war.
That's sad, Billy. You'll never see them again, 'cause you'll be screaming down in hell.


How did *you* get saved, preacher?
I heard that God had a gift for me, that would save me from hell.
I was too scared to turn it down!
What gift?


God said, "There is none righteous, no, not one:"* "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"**
Heaven was closed to us sinners.
None of us could get there! So God made a way for us.
*Rom. 3:10 **Rom. 3:23

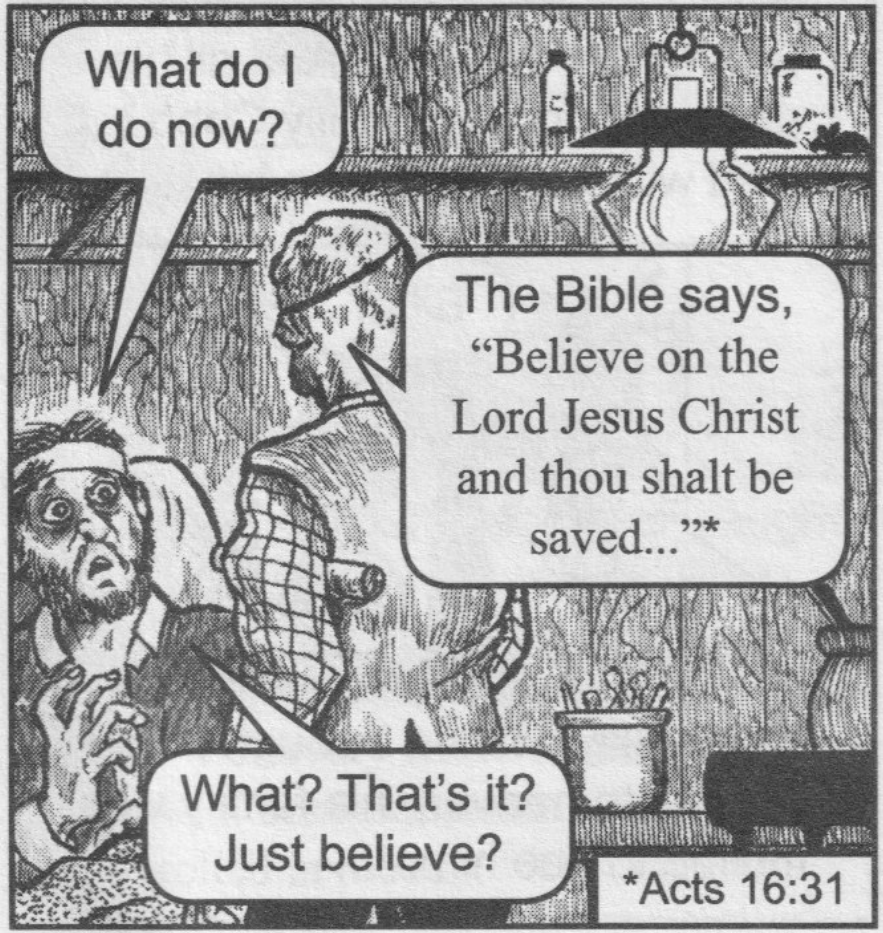

God the Father, in Heaven, knew that only *His holy blood* could wash away our sins.*
So He sent His Son Jesus Christ to us, to save us from hell.
*Acts 20:28

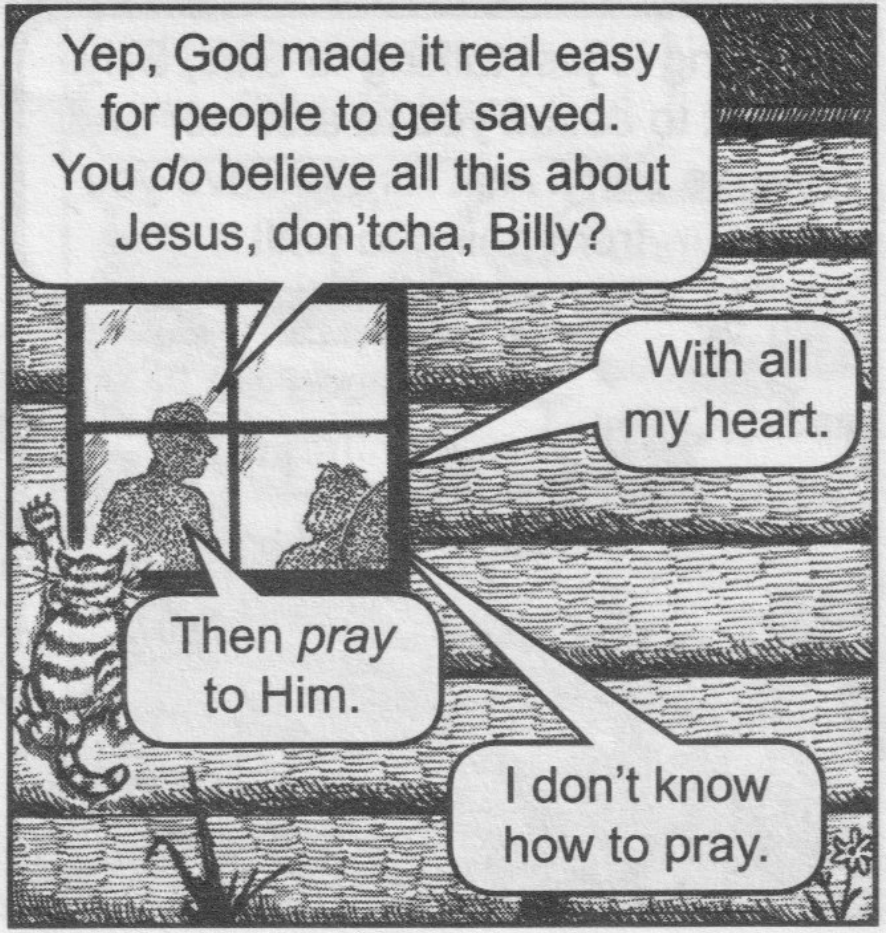

This was God's love gift, Billy.
My belly's on fire.
My time's running out; tell me quick, what did Jesus do to save me?

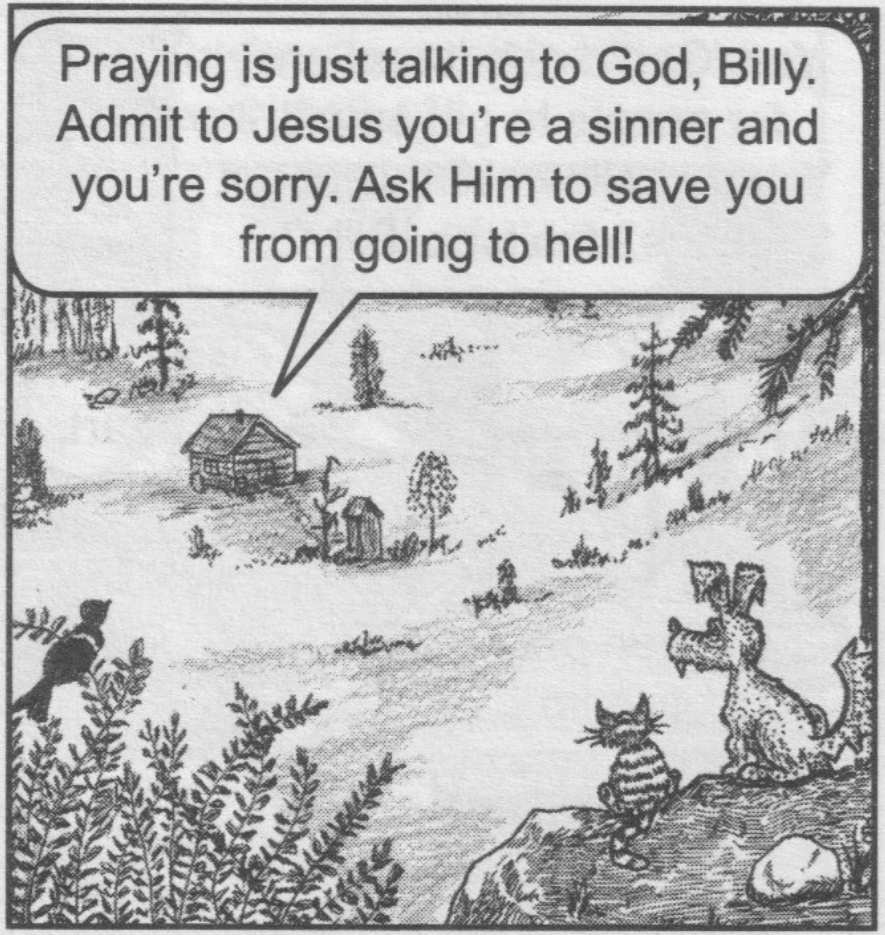
After Jesus told the people that He was the only way to heaven, they nailed Him, God's Son, to a cross. He shed every drop of His precious, sinless blood to wash away the sins of the world. (See Revelation 1:5)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

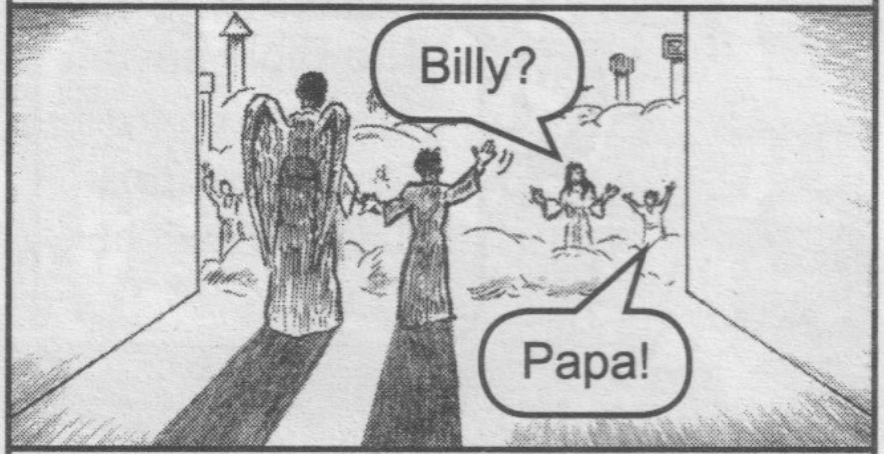
Jesus died on that cross, was buried and three days later he rose from the dead. Now He's alive back in Heaven.


What do I do now?
The Bible says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved..."*
What? That's it? Just believe?
*Acts 16:31


Yep, God made it real easy for people to get saved. You *do* believe all this about Jesus, don'tcha, Billy?
With all my heart.
Then *pray* to Him.
I don't know how to pray.



Billy talked to Jesus. And all his sins were forgiven. Billy Cobb died with a big smile on his face.



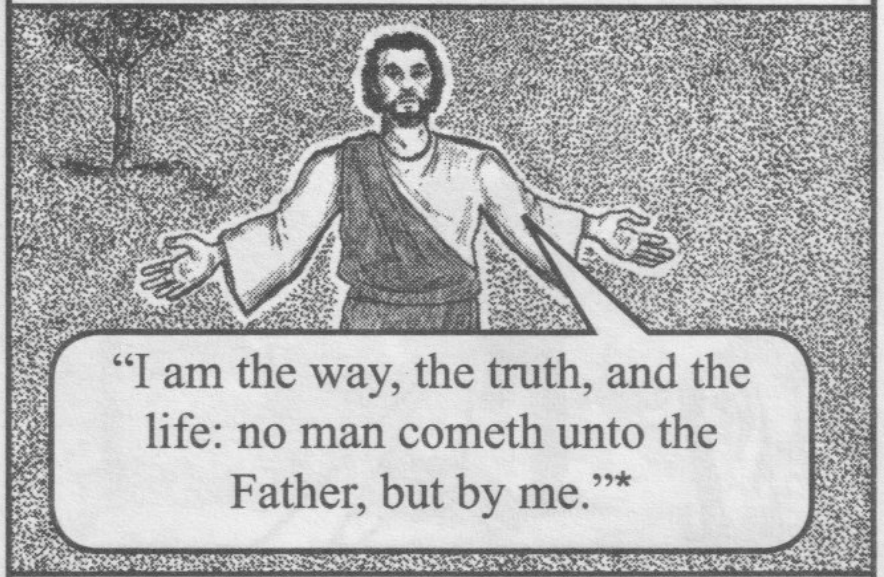
When Billy walked through those gates into heaven, his family was thrilled to see him.

Because of Billy's simple trust in Jesus, he missed being cast into the lake of fire.*

But not Big Mike and his boy, Jake. They're still down in hell —screaming.

*Rev. 20:15 Also see Rom. 12:19, John 3:36

But Jesus is God's love gift for us.



That gift can give you eternal life, starting right now.**

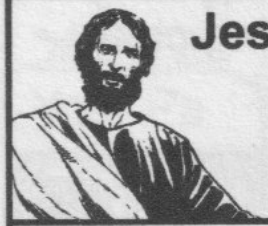
*John 14:6 **Romans 6:23

You made it by the skin of your teeth, Billy!

None of these others did.

Will *you* make it?

...So make your choice.



Jesus Christ

OR

Satan

"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:31

	YES	NO
Do you believe Jesus died for your sins?	❑	❑
Did you ask Him to come into your heart to save you?	❑	❑

Name_____ Date_____

If you didn't, please read the next page.

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

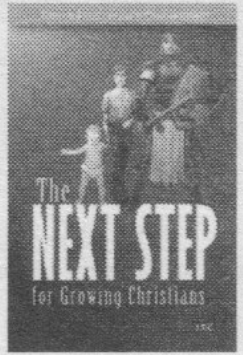
WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read **The Next Step**, available at www.chick.com.



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